



AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

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As the number of technology innovations increase, more devices are developed specifically for use in vehicles or sufficiently compact to be used in the vehicle. The devices may be placed on vehicle dashboards and powered, either directly or indirectly, via the vehicle cigarette lighter. A likelihood exists that vehicle manufacturers may add a second cigarette lighter on top of the dashboard to accommodate these devices without eliminating the cigarette lighter function. Further, cell phones are being developed with video cameras built in for conveying image data over the cell phone audio channel. Although conceptually there is a need for a built-in accessory or an add-on accessory platform that bolts onto the dashboard to support and power these ~~drills~~ cellphones, a power connection is still required. Direct wiring to the cigarette lighter would leave dangling wires, marring the appearance of the vehicle interior. U.S. Patent No. 5,687,234 to Chang discloses a charger for a mobile phone wherein the charger case, in one embodiment, couples the phone to the vehicle lighter socket. The charger is a separate unit and not attached to the vehicle itself.

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